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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS, PINS, PFOR, AR, US

SUBJECT: ESSO OFFICIAL KIDNAPPED

1. ESSO MANAGER TED WIEBER HAS GIVEN EMBASSY FOLLOWING DETAILS OF KIDNAPPING THIS AFTERNOON OF VICTOR SAMUELSON, GENERAL MANAGER OF ESSO OPERATIONS AT CAMPANA, BOUT 50 MILES NORTH OF BUENOS AIRES WHERE COMPANY HAS REFINERY AND TANKER LOADING FACILITIES.

2. SAMUELSON SEIZED AT ESSO CLUB (OUTSIDE GUARDED PLANT PERIMETER) ABOUT 1:30 P.M. SOME FIFTEEN ASSAILANTS DISGUISED WITH BEARDS ENTERED CLUB AND FORCED ALL INSIDE TO LIE ON FLOOR. SAMUELSON WAS IN REAR YARD. HE FORCED BACK IN AT POINT OF GUN AND ONCE IDENTIFIED WAS TAKEN OUT TO WAITING CAR. ASSAILANTS THEN LOCKED OTHERS IN RESTROOMS, SPRAYED ERP INITIALS AND STAR SYMBOL ON WALLS AND FLED. EYE WITNESSES SAY IT WAS VERY WELL PLANNED OPERATION. SAMUELSON'S HOUSE IN SUBURBAN BUENOS AIRES WELL GUARDED AND THERE WERE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AT OFFICE. KIDNAPPERS, HOWEVER, WERE OBVIOUSLY AWARE THAT HE CUSTOMARILY LUNCHEDED

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AT CLUB WITHOUT ESCORT.

3. ALTHOUGH FACT SAMUELSON KIDNAPPED HAS ALREADY HIT PRESS,  
RADIO & TV, ESSO PLANS TO DENY UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN  
CONTACTED BY KIDNAPPERS AND HAVE BETTER IDEA AS TO  
WHERE THEY STAND. NEITHER DO THEY PLAN TO CONTACT  
POLICE UNTIL THAT TIME, IF THEN.

4. WIEBER INDICATES HE HAS ALREADY INFORMED HIS HOME  
OFFICE, AND THAT LATTER HAS INFORMED ASST. SECY KUBISCH.  
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